MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to issue instructions for the work being taken up early in 1108?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government will consider and write to the Chief Engineer, if necessary.

Recommendations of the Banking Enquiry Committee re motor traffic industry.

173. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the recommendations made by the Banking Enquiry Committee in regard to motor traffic industry in the State;

(*b*) whether they propose to adopt those recommendations; and

(*c*) if so, the time that may be taken for the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The first suggestion, *viz.*, "to restrict the number of buses on a particular route consistently with the requirements of traffic", has already been acted upon by Government and Revised Rule 14 of the Motor Vehicles Rules has been passed, empowering Government to do so. This power has also been actually exercised by Government, on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Police, in respect of the Pallivasal—Neriamangalam road. The second suggestion, *viz.*, the organisation of a board to control traffic, is under the consideration of Government. It is not possible to say whether, and, if so, when this suggestion will be adopted.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is there any other road that has been brought under this restriction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not, at present.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Is this the only road recommended by the Police Commissioner, to be brought under this restriction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was some recommendation some time back about the Shertallai-Arur road; but that was before the amendment of the Rules.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Since the recommendation of the Banking Enquiry Committee, is this the only Rule that has been amended?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Particulars re Land Mortgage Bank.

174. MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the date on which the business of the Land Mortgage Bank was commenced;

(*b*) the expenses incurred by them for the Bank till 31-10-1107 from the date of co—inencement of the Bank under the following heads:—

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(i) stationery and printing (approximately at least);
(ii) pay of officers and establishment;
(iii) travelling allowance, daily allowance, sitting fee, etc., paid or owing to the Board of Directors; and
(iv) remuneration paid to the Legal Adviser;

(*c*) the total number of applications for loans received from the date of commencement of the Bank till 31-10-1107 and the total amount of loans so applied for; and

(*d*) the total amount granted by the Bank and the amount disbursed from the treasury during the said period?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 10th Makaram 1107.

(*b*) (i) S. Rs. 900, approximately.
(ii) S. Rs. 1,945-12-2.
(iii) Nil. The members of the Board of Management are not entitled to travelling allowance, daily allowance for, sitting fees.
(iv) The Legal Adviser has not yet claimed his remuneration.

(*c*) 202; B. Rs. 3,32,133.

(*d*) Nil.

Alleppey-Changanachery canal.

175. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any petition with regard to the completion of the Alleppey-Changanachery canal; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Owing to the unwillingness of the interested people to surrender the required lands free of compensation for opening the remaining section of the canal and to paucity of funds, the work has been ordered to lie over.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): In regard to part (*b*), may I know to what extent the canal has been cut so far?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): More than three-fourths has of the length has been cut.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): Has it been cut here and there or in a continuous manner?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The eastern and the western extremities have already been cut. There are some portions in the middle still to be cut.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Amablapuzha*): May I know whether the ryots concerned have surrendered the lands already cut open?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No, they have not surrendred the lands as promised.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): Had they promised to do it?

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